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1. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he would be unable to make the appointment for Tuesday to visit Headquarters for a briefing on a sensitive readout system. At the Chairman's direction he and Paul Wilson will be meeting with representatives of OMB to draft a "continuing resolution." Messrs. Proctor, DDI, Steininger, ADD/S&T, Briggs, OPPB, and [] IC, have been advised.

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2. [] Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called first thing this morning from Senator Jackson's office to ask about the New York Times story quoting Secretary Laird as saying the Soviets are testing an MIRV. I said I would check and let her know what we had.

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3. [] Had a number of discussions with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who had heard Secretary Laird's testimony and confirmed the general accuracy of the New York Times version of what Laird said. I explained to them that our evidence did not support the press version of Laird's remarks.

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4. [] Bill Holt, of Representative Sam Stratton's office, called in behalf of a constituent, [] who is an applicant for an Agency position. We have alerted Personnel that [] will be calling for an appointment.

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5. [] In the absence of Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), I talked to Don Floyd, of ISA in Defense, who is concerned with the funding [] He said Johnson and Tom Korologos, of the White House, were handling the problem with Stennis.

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25X1 6. [] Discussed with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, our concern about provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act which would transfer jurisdiction over military assistance from the Armed Services Committee to the Foreign Relations Committee, []

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25X1C [] I said we assume the Committee would have to look out for itself on the jurisdictional issue and we were not going to take the initiative on the []
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However, I said we were very much concerned about [] 25X1
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25X1 Braswell and Woolsey said Stennis had his hands full with other issues such as the Mansfield amendment and in any event would find it difficult to fight []
25X1 [] unless we "took off the wraps" and allowed him to speak frankly []. I said we'd see if we could come up with an unclassified statement which could serve the purpose. Braswell said what was needed was an "impact statement" which would emphasize the serious consequences []

25X1 7. [] Called Tom Korologos, in the White House, regarding the problems with the Foreign Assistance Act mentioned above. He said he

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and was trying to get Stennis to assume responsibility for provisions regarding []
25X1 [] I explained Stennis' problem as I understood it and asked Korologos whether we shouldn't try to get someone else to take up the fight such as Milton Young, Howard Baker, or Jake Javits. Korologos said we shouldn't do anything until we hear from them because they were starting a big meeting on the whole thing in the White House.

25X1 8. [] Bill Miller, of Senator John Sherman Cooper's (R., Ky.) office, called to say the Senator was interested in any comments on the New York Times story quoting Laird on Soviet MIRV tests. I said we didn't know what the Secretary had said, but on the basis of intelligence estimates available it appeared that the press story was garbled and that the Defense Department would be the people to straighten it out.

25X1 9. [] Called Dorothy Fosdick, in Senator Jackson's office, to say that we had no evidence supporting some of the points made in a New York Times story attributed to testimony by Secretary Laird. I speculated the story was the result of a garble and suggested the people to straighten it out was the Defense Department since they knew what the Secretary had said and we didn't.

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